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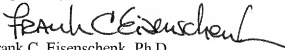
Applicants have received the above-referenced granted patent. The Patent Term Adjustment indicated on the cover page of the patent is 107 days. Applicants respectfully assert that this patent is not entitled to any days of Patent Term Adjustment.

The PAIR record indicates that an adjustment of 229 days was calculated upon grant of the patent based upon prosecution of longer than 3 years. However, applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination on September 7, 2007. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.703(b)(1), the filing of the RCE constituted an applicant delay, which should have effectively negated any accumulated Patent Term Adjustment prior to that date.

Applicants respectfully request that the PAIR record be reviewed and corrected to ensure that the granted patent will indicate the correct Patent Term Adjustment.

Applicants do not believe there should be a fee associated with this Communication. But, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 that may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

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